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1. Prior to December 1949 about 50 telephone extensions used by the Soviets in various agencies were connected to the Altenburg (N 51/K 27) postal telephone network. The orders to establish these connections came from the SMA signal officer in Weimar. A First Lieutenant Gustov, (fnu), was assigned to the signal officer's office.
2. A special telephone network was set up by the Soviets in January 1950, utilizing available German postal lines. Only the Soviet **komendatura**, located in a villa on Parkstrasse, is connected with the German telephone network. The switchboard for the Soviet net is in the **komendatura** building. Long-distance calls over Ger an lines require special authorization by the SCC in Weimar.
3. Only the Cottentitzer Wool Mill (VEB) (nationalized plant) and the Chamber of Industry and Commerce is authorized to conduct international telephone calls. In July 1950 the latter made four telephone calls to Leningrad and three to Lucerne. The calls were handled by the Leipzig Telephone Office. *

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Comment. The Chambers of Industry and Commerce are the official clearing agencies for orders placed with firms of their district. They assist these firms in obtaining materials.

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